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REPRESENTATIVE OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to submit the following report in accordance with Security Council resolution 733 (1992).

1. According to authoritative information no Austrian weapons or military equipment have ever been delivered to Somalia.
2. The federal law of 1977 concerning the export, import and transit of weapons provides for a procedure that enables the competent Austrian authorities to decline any individual application for the granting of a permit to export material covered by Security Council resolution 733 (1992) from Austria to Somalia.
3. Immediately following the adoption of Security Council resolution 733 (1992), preparations were made to adopt two decrees which are designed to tighten even further the prohibitions of exports imposed on material covered by the weapons embargo against Somalia:
 - (a) The Austrian Federal Government has made use of the authority granted to it by the federal law of 1977 concerning the export, import and transit of weapons and military equipment and adopted a decree on 18 February 1992, which generally prohibits any export of weapons and military equipment as well as of civil arms and civil ammunition to Somalia. Any violation of the provisions of this decree is subject to specific penal sanctions;
 - (b) Legal transactions or activities relating to the export of weapons, ammunition and explosives to Somalia will also be covered fully by a decree soon to be passed by the Austrian Federal Minister for Economic Affairs under the Foreign Trade Act 1984. This decree will declare all such legal transactions or activities subject to prior permission by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs. It is understood that no permit will be issued.

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It follows from the foregoing that Austria is implementing the mandatory embargo on all deliveries of weapons and military equipment to Somalia adopted by the Security Council in paragraph 5 of resolution 733 (1992). As to the general position of Austria concerning the implementation of mandatory sanctions adopted by the competent organ of the United Nations, reference is made to the Austrian reply relating to the implementation of Security Council resolution 661 (1990).
